BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of) HAWAII WATER SERVICE COMPANY, INC. For Approval of Rate Increases and) Revised Rate Schedules, and to

Enter into Financing Arrangements.

DOCKET NO. 03-0275

ORDER NO. 21395

Oct. 6, 2004 1 o'clock A .M.

ATTEST: A True Copy KAREN HIGASHI Chief Clerk, Public Utilities Compission, State of Hawaii.

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Stipulated Prehearing Order No. 21072, filed on June 23, 2004, as amended, sets forth the procedural deadlines governing HAWAII WATER SERVICE COMPANY, INC.'s ("HWSCI") request for a general rate increase, excluding the date of the evidentiary hearing and deadline date for HWSCI and the Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate") (collectively, the "Parties") to file their simultaneous post-hearing briefs.¹

Given the impending deadline governing commission action on the merits of HWSCI's request for a general rate increase,² the commission, at this time, will schedule the evidentiary hearing for December 13, 2004, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the commission's Honolulu hearing room.³

¹The commission, in response to HWSCI's and the Consumer Advocate's respective requests, extended three (3) deadline dates set forth in Stipulated Prehearing Order No. 21072. <u>See</u> the commission's correspondence, dated July 19, 2004 and September 23, 2004.

²See Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-16(d).

³The formal Notice of Evidentiary Hearing is forthcoming. Unless ordered otherwise, at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing the commission will set the deadline for the Parties to file their simultaneous post-hearing briefs.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Stipulated Prehearing Order No. 21072, filed on June 23, 2004, as amended, is further amended by scheduling the evidentiary hearing for December 13, 2004, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the commission's Honolulu hearing room. In all other respects, Stipulated Prehearing Order No. 21072, as previously amended and amended herein, remains unchanged.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii ___

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

 $_{\mathrm{By}}$ (EXCUSED)

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 21395 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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